

The Comicall Historie of

But in the estimation of a haire,
Thou dyest, and all thy goods are confiscate.
Grat. A second *Daniel*, a *Daniel Jew* :
Now Infidell I have you on the hip.

Por. Why doth the Jew pause, take thy forfeiture.

Shy. Give me my principall, and let me go.

Bass. I have it ready for thee, here it is.

Por. He hath refus'd it in the open Court,
He shall have meerely justice and his Bond.

Grat. A *Daniel* still say I, a second *Daniel*,
I thanke thee Jew for teaching me that word.

Shy. Shall I not have barely my principall?

Por. Thou shalt have nothing but the forfeiture
To be so taken at thy perill Jew.

Shy. Why then the Devill give him good of it?
He stay no longer question.

Por. Tarry Jew,
The Law hath yet another hold on you.

It is enacted in the Lawes of *Venice*,

If it be proved against an alien,

That by direct, or indirect attempts

He seek the life of any Citizen,

The party 'gainst the which he doth contrive,

Shall seaze on halfe his goods, the other halfe

Comes to the privie Coffer of the State,

And the offenders life lies in the mercy

Of the Duke onely, 'gainst all other voyce.

In which predicament I say thou standst :

For it appeares by manifest proceeding,

That indirectly, and directly too,

Thou hast contrived against the very life

Of the defendant : and thou hast incur'd

The danger formerly by me rehearst.

Downe therefore, and beg mercy of the Duke.

Gra. Beg that thou maist have leave to hang thy selfe,

And yet thy wealth being forfeit to the State,

Thou hast not left the value of a cord,

Therefore thou maist be hang'd at the States charge.

Duke. That

the Merchant

Duke. That thou shalt see the
I pardon thee thy life before thee
For halfe thy wealth it is *Anth.*
The other halfe comes to the g
Which humbleness may drive

Por. I for the State, not for

Shy. Nay, take my life and all
You take my house, when you d
That doth sustaine my house : y
When you do take the meanes v

Por. What mercy can you re

Grat. A halter *grat.* nothing

Anth. So please my Lord the
To quit the fine for one halfe of
I am content : so he will let me
The other halfe in use, to render
Upon his death unto the Gentle
That lately stole his daughter.

Two things provided more, that

He presently become a Christian

The other, that he do record a gi

Here in the Court, of all he dies p

Unto his sonne *Lorenzo* and his c

Duke. He shall do this, or else

The pardon that I late pronounc

Por. Art thou contented Jew

Shy. I am content.

Por. Clarke, draw a deed of gi

Shy. I pray you give me leave

I am not well, send the deed as

And I will signe it.

Duke. Get thee gone, but do it

Grat. In christning shalt thou

Had I been judge, thou shouldst h

To bring thee to the gallows, no

Duke. Sir I intreat you home v

Por. I humbly do desire your

I must away this night toward P